

THIS BACKWARD SPRING CHILLS MORE THAN IT THRILLS

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.) was nothing like it." Which Alice There's no use trying to get away om it. It's the one subject for confrom it. It's the one subject for con-versation among farmers, wherever

"Did 'je ever see such weather?" Last week i managed to get to-gether a few bunches of asparague, less than half-a-dozen, but too many for us to eat and too expensive fod-der for the hens. So I took 'em out to three or four of my customers and sold them. They were just exactly a full month behind time—thirty-one days later than the normal. Nor were the stalks as big nor as tender as

From every kitchen at which I stopped and from every farm-yard I passed and from every farmer I met came the same chorus— "Did 'je ever see such weather?"

I've at last got my sweet-corn planted, though I had to ignore the century and a quarter old tradition of the Farmer family, and plant it before I heard the whip-poor-will.

The last day while we were planting the last patch it grew so cold and

chilling that I buttoned my cost close up around my neck, pulled the 'ear-flope' dewn on my cap, and put on a pair of gloves! I don't think I ever planted corn in gloves, before, but, without them, my fingers had grown so stiff and numb that I couldn't feel the kernels so as to roll out the orthothe kernels, so as to roll out the orthodox four to a hill. Actually, I could sense them better through the gloves than without that warming protec-

And that night, about twenty-five days later than his average, Mr. Whippoor-will shouted his salutations to me from the steep back wood-lot. So I'm hoping that, as I planted only one day before he sang, I may be forgiven by the shoets of former generations. But even he didn't sing with the same full-throated abandon which is his wont. Instead of rolling out his flagellant admonition with usual rotundity, not to say redundancy, he actually seemed to enip it off and tone it down. I said to John, next morning: Why, it sounded as if he had his bill tucked into his overciat pocket for warmth and was afraid it 'ld freeze if he uncovered it." Even his song seemed to ask, in tone if not in words: 'Did 'je ever see such weather?"

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We don't as a rule, give dear old Step-Mother Nature credit for ther superhuman genius as a profanity prooker and her limitless resources as

When the ordinary man has been real meen in about seven different ways he's reached his limit. He may want to be mean in some ower and different directions, but he desen't know how and so has to be content with repeating his own scurry shabbiness. But Nature isn't hampered with human limitations. Just as she can be benign and sweet in about steen hundred diverse ways, when she takes, that turn, so she can thwart takes that turn, so she can thwart and spite us in quits as many fashions, ho two alike, when her mood runs to contraries, as it usually does in the mis-called "merry spring-time."

In the delectable history of what happened to Alice when she went Through the Looking-glass the White Kins remarked to her as he munched away at a hay sandwich: "There's nothing like eating hay when you're

"I should think throwing cold water over you would be better." Alice sug-cested. "-or some sal-volatile." "I didn't say there was nothing bet-ter," the King replied: "I said there

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come up or whether they rot in the

She isn't running the weather nor any other of her departments to suit our convenience. It is only an astonishing ulceration of baseless self-conceit which leads anyone to think such

What her purpose is, if indeed she has any, we are not informed. But it is only a vanity as pitiable as it is contemptible which allows any one of us half-educated puppets to dream that we are, any of us or all of us combined, special objects of her so-licitude.

asmon that the rolling of its wheels will serve to grind our grist, that's our good luck. But the charlot wasn't designed for and isn't primarily used for a grist-mill, nevertheless.

The winds don't blow solely and especially for the benefit of Maine number-schooners, raiching down the New England coast. I never the server a skin.

England coast. England coast. I never saw a skip-per who pretended to believe they did. Springs aren't made solely and ex-pecially for New England farmers. If they were, they'd be vastly different hey were they'd be vastly different for 1916, are very much above the figure from any I ever happened to run afout for 1914. "Thus it will be seen that the bur

for, just why the winds blow as they do. I don't know: you don't know: we don't any of us know.

It does us little good to take either the winds or the weather or our-selves too seriously. We aren't any of us necessary pintles for the universe to hinge upon.

However bad it may be or seem to be at the time, we may be sure that all our wailings or grumblings won't help better it one tittle.

According to established public records, there was ice and snew sufficient for sleighing every month during the summer of 1216 in many parts of New England. According to records of my own family, the three summers of 1826, and '28 were so cold that it was impossible to ripen tomatoes and like tender garden truck. In 1855 thick tender garden truck. In 1855 thick is mid-July, killing the tasselled corn in mid-July, killing the tasselled corn of the state of Connecticut has over many counties, so that all next over many counties, so the from the country is maintifactured in the mines and in other lines of work.

The world managed to live through se adventures, and few people starvthese adventures, and few people starved necause of them.

Perhaps we're soing to have snother cold summer, this year. If we are, the rest of the world will have to hunt up something for us to eat, instead of our helping it out.

Of Ole Step-Mother Nature may change her mind, any minute, and turn on the heat again.

The only thing for us is to get ready for the best so that, if it comes, we can take full advantage of it.

If, on the other hand, it is not the best but the worst which rules the summer, then we, having done our parts, shall bear no share of blame for the in-results which we cannot control.

Another thing: If we keep busy get-ting ready for a hoped-for break to good weather, we shall have less time to grow blue and worrying over the inlement present!

THE FARMER.

Norway's first vessel built of steel and cement, popularly called "the stope ship," will be completed in Sep-tember.

Rid of a Lingering Cough. Rid of a Lingering Cough.

Cold weather persisted so late this year that many more persons have colds than ever before at this season. You can get relief from racking, hacking coughs, from wheezy, sneezy breathing, from raw sore throat and tight chest. W. G. Glazier, Bentonville, Ark, writes: "I can recommend Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I used it for a cough that I had for years and was said to have consumption, but it cured me." Contains no colates. Children like it Lee THERE is no advertising medium in Consumption, but it cured me." Con-tains no opiates. Children like it Lee etin for dusiness results.

CONNECTICUT'S INDUSTRIES

IN THE WAR Over Half the Small Arms and Ammunition of the Country Are Manufac-

The Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut has prepared an article dealing with the value of Connecticut's industries in the prosecution of the war and urging that workers in those industries be retained in their present valuable service by the creation of a personal industrial reserve, enrollment in which will satisfy a man's conscience as to the fulpresent valuable service by the creation of a personal industrial reserve, enrollment in which will satisfy a man's conscience as to the fulfillment of his patriotic duty.

"Those who have studied the history of the first few months of the gigantic struggle which is now convulsing Europe are quite familiar with the fact that, judged by the course of events at that time. Germany alone grasped the importance of industry in modern war. There is little evidence that the mechanics of her factorias or men essential to other industries were withdraws from their regular occupations for service at the front. But how different was the experience in France and in England! The main idea there seemed to be to mobilize vast military orces immediately, regardless of the effect of such mobilization upon the industries which a little later would be vital to the military organization itself.

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"Did 'je ever see such weather?"
S'pose you never did; what then?
Tou've seen some quite as bad, quite as depressing, quite as irritating. That is, you have if you've lived long enough to appreciate Nature's infinite capacity along that line.
It may not have been cut from the same cloth or in the same pattern as that which she is fitting to our shrinking shoulders now.
But it galled around the collar and it pinched under the arms and it bound across the shoulders and we considered it a dumd poor fit and didn't hesitate to say so and to wonder if there ever had been such a spring before.

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That was last year. And the year before that. And so on back to the last limits of our forgetteries.

There were no two of them alike, that as this spring is unlike any of them.

But, as I have said before, there is no need of their being alike. Nature isn't so humanly incompetent and limited in her scope as to be confined to two or twenty or two hundred brands of antagonism. She has an endless assortment to draw from.

And we poor farmers and gardeners can take it as it is dealt out and make the best of it or not, fust as we please. Eless you. Nature's doesn't care a snap whether we like it or don't like it: whether it profits us or bankrupts us: whether our seeds come up or whether they rot in the accommendation of the start of the more completely following the historic battle of the Marne.

Connecticut has every reason to in the content of the military forces.

"In spite of this hurried attempt to correct the terrible mistake which had been made, the industries were to correct the terrible mistake which had been made, the industries were to to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the to work the front never came back. The name of the seriously crippled. Many men sent to the to work

Connecticut has every reason to be proud of the record which her citizens have made under the Stars and Stripes during the previous wars in which our country has engaged. Statistics show that in practically every case enlistments from the state of Connecticut have been larger in proportion to population than from almost any other state in the tinion. Connecticut in those days did her part and did it nobly, but economic conditions have changed very materially since our state was last called upon to since our state was last called upon to render assistance in a national crisis. In recent years the trend in Conwarmth and was afraid it 'ld freeze' fife uncovered it.' Even his song setued to ask in tone if not in words.' They is ever see such weather.' way he towards which the whole creation is said by ever see such weather. But if my memory serves and my records are fairly accurate. Five seen first about to for dispending of the wards and my records are fairly accurate. Five seen first about to for dispending of the wards and my records are fairly accurate. Five seen first about to for dispending of the wards all bemoaned it while we were undersoing it. We've all seen if. We've all seen if. We've all seen if. We've all seen if the scheme why we may pull something out for ourselves. But the safe paring, that we never did see such weather.

Probably, to we were right. In the scheme why we may pull something out for ourselves. But the safe seed on the scheme with devised for the cabbased of the scheme was the seed of the state of conceitout was divided \$8.7 per cent rural. At the same time, the population of Conceitout was divided \$8.7 per cent rural and the population of the waster. Crease and men in that a variety of discomford and set-backs and meanings and the varieties of spring in the first of the universe in such waster, each one of which shall, to the chariot weather who are accusally undersoing the chariot of the universe in such waster, each one of which shall, to strength our risk there's the such was a scheme of malice, and yet shall not be formed in the state of the same waster of the same waster of the same centers. In the same time, the population of the waster of the same waster of the same time, the population of the waster of the same time, the population of the waster of the same time, the population of the waster of the same time, the population of the waster of the same time, the population of the waster of the same time, the population of the waster of the same time, th necticut has been more and more towards industrial development. Be-tween 1904 and 1909 the value of the manufacturers of this state in-creased approximately 23 per cent. In 1910, Connecticut, which stood thirty-first among the states of the

words, it is fair to assume that the manufactured products in 1914 were at least three times more valuable than the total farm land of the state it is hardly necessary to state that owing principally to the great increase in munitions production, the values of Connecticut's manufactured products for the years 1915 and 1916, are very much above the figures for 1914.

Just what the springs are calculated den which must be carried by the r. just why the winds blow as they state of Connecticut in the present war must be first of all the burden of supply. Considering the very important possition which Connecticut holds with respect to the manufactures of the country and especially munitions manufacture, Uncle Sam has a right to expect of us highly efficient special part than the same of the country and capacitally munitions manufacture, Uncle Sam has a right to expect of us highly efficient special part than the same of the country of the same of the country of the efficient service along these lines, but if Connecticut is to be really efficient in this work for which she is best fitted, it is obvious that the men on whom the industries of the state

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Engines — Electric Boat Co., New London Ship and Engine Co.

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Barrel Co., Meriden Arms Co., Avis Barrel Co.

Submarines and Torpedo Boats—
Lake Torpedo Boat Co., New London Ship and Engine Co., Electric Boat Co.

The plants mentioned are but a few of those which contribute to the total supply, and it should be borne in mind that many of the munition manufac-

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that before the end of the war the state of Connecticut may have quarter of a million persons employed on work of

The dependence of the United States government on private concerns for its supply of munitions is admitted. The government arsenals will be able to furnish but a small percentage of the

furnish but a small percentage of the total required.
Secretary of War Baker is reported to have said as late as May 17 that owing to the depleted state of our supplies it will not be practicable to call out the first 500,000 men to be raised under the provisions of the bill now pending before congress until about Sept. 1

workers who are receiving their training and at the proper time if permit ted, will be able to step forward to augment the skilled forces as the de-

Duty of the Government.

Even at the present time, before se-lective conscription in undertaken, manufacturers are losing, through en-listment, the services of men whose value to the industries cannot be endoubt attracted by the honor and pay belonging to commissions which the government will bestow upon engin-eers and others competent to serve in the capacity of reserve officers. Others are prompted by the fear that they will be drafted at a later date in case they do not volunteer at the present time. It is entirely probable that many of these men will be released from military duty and returned to the highest at a later date as was done dustries at a later date, as was done in England and France. But why not provent the discuption of the essential industrial organizations? Why not keep their first line forces in action and their reserves in readiness? Every American is entitled to serve his country; he considers this his priv-ilege and demands it as his right. The riege and demands it as be rendered greatest service can be rendered through concerted action under government, and control. Let ernmental authority and control. Let the government lead. Preserve the organizations of industry which are vital to military efficiency through supin this state.

Among the more important concerns and products which may be mentioned are the following:

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The chief essential of military and industrial reserve in which military crisis the chief dependence is not placed on raw recruits but on the veterans of the line. To be sure, every an any more efficiently army has its new men, and no army in any industrial way than in the can long maintain its organization and trenches, may be enrolled. Mayors to Gather This Month.

Italians Want to Enlist. The recruiting office for the regplar army in the Goldsmith block at New London reports that an unusually large number of Italians go to the office daily and ask for information regarding enlistments in the army. The government allows them to enter the ranks of the United States army whether they have taken out citizen agency or not.

Hartford—The project for a new hotel for Hartford went over for a fising finish at a meeting of the pro-moters and stock subscribers at the Hartford club Monday night, when Hartford club Monday night, when the total subscriptions were pushed up to \$965,000 and 13 subscribers piedged themselves to underwrite the balance needed on Thursday, when the campaign for \$1,000,000 of stock and bond subscriptions will formally close.

is provided with an ample reserve force always in training and ready to step forward when called upon Training is none the less estantial in industry and every efficient industrial organization has its reserves and men in training.

For example, in the line of manufacturing referred to in the foregoing paragraphs, thousands of skilled mensuch as machinists, tool makers, sage makers, forgers, etc., are required. Such men cannot be trained in a day or a week, but require in many cases years of training and experience before they become proficient in their work. Behind this line of skilled workers will be found added thousands. German Sallor Will Go to New

Golden Wedding Anniversary

A pleasant social event in Weth ersfield this week was the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bob bins Smith in celebration of their golden wedding. Mr. Smith was born in Wethersfield, June 20, 1546, a sen of George and Lucy Robbins Smith Noticeable on the table was a far of preserved peaches tied with relion ribbon. They were cannot be Mrs. Smith the day after her marriage fifty years ago, and are apparently in good condition.

Torrington-Landlord J. Allen Wal ker of Conley inn, received word by telephone Tuesday from the physician who is attending his son, Euddy, at New Lendon, to the effect that the patient has pansed the crisis of his pneumonia attack, with which he was setzed while on a visit to his grand-mother.

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